



Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard – Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Count and Rate of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Tests Performed in MA by County, January 1, 2020 – December 21, 2021

County	Total Case Count	Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days)	Relative Change in Case Counts ¹	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 days)	Total Positive Tests (Last 14 days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 days)	Change in Percent Positivity ²
Barnstable County	22701	1861	61.4	Higher	634277	24685	1977	8.01%	Higher
Berkshire County	12342	951	53.7	Lower	628106	22322	1031	4.62%	Lower
Bristol County	99056	7119	89.0	Higher	2067925	78090	7805	9.99%	Higher
Dukes and Nantucket Counties	4405	360	89.2	Higher	111251	3432	372	10.84%	Higher
Essex County	136196	8531	76.5	Higher	3320609	117125	9681	8.27%	Higher
Franklin County	4977	573	57.5	No Change	323984	11555	641	5.55%	Higher
Hampden County	79226	5578	84.6	Higher	1835499	71310	6419	9.00%	Higher
Hampshire County	14581	1329	57.9	Higher	1441489	52110	1513	2.90%	Higher
Middlesex County	192448	12824	56.3	Higher	9352082	341855	14185	4.15%	Higher
Norfolk County	77327	5200	51.9	Higher	3103639	108308	5700	5.26%	Higher
Plymouth County	73663	5667	76.7	Higher	1757070	70312	6194	8.81%	Higher
Suffolk County	124583	7303	64.4	Higher	6724453	232613	8184	3.52%	Higher
Worcester County	118425	8495	72.3	Higher	3796757	145468	9327	6.41%	Higher
Unknown ³	1043	44	*	*	431122	12005	45	*	*
State	960973	65835	67.5	Higher	35528263	1291190	73074	5.66%	Higher

Data are current as of 11:59pm on 12/21/2021; ¹Number of new cases occurring over the current two-week period (12/05/2021 – 12/18/2021) compared to the previous two-week period (11/28/2021 – 12/11/2021). **Higher**=number of new cases in the current two-week period higher than the number of new cases during the last two-week period. **Lower**=number of new cases in the current two-week period lower than number of new cases during the last two-week period. **No change**=number of new cases in current two-week period is equal to the number of new cases during the last two-week period. ²Change in percent positivity compared to the previous week's (12/15/2021) report. **No Change**= <0.10% difference in the percent positivity. ³Address information for these cases is currently being obtained. DPH calculates rates per 100,000 population using denominators estimated by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute using a modified Hamilton-Perry model (Strate S, et al. Small Area Population Estimates for 2011 through 2020, report, Oct 2016.) **Please note:** Data for these tables are based on information available in the DPH surveillance database at a single point in time. Case counts for specific cities and towns change throughout the day as data cleaning occurs (removal of duplicate reports within the system) and new demographic information (assigning cases to their city or town of residence) is obtained.